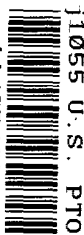


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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Sole Inventor (or application identifier): **Erik Leonard Hoffman**

Title of Invention: **FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP PROSTHESIS**

1. ☒ Specification 24 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 33 claims (3 independent)
2. ☒ A signed Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
 - ☐ attached in the regular manner.
 - ☒ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). An unsigned copy is enclosed.
3. ☒ This Application has 7 distinct sheets of ☐ Formal ☒ Informal Drawings
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
 - ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/246,557, filed on November 7, 2000; and from Netherlands Patent Application NL 1016551, also filed November 7, 2000, both of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form 1449
 - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet.

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7. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
US	60/246,557	07 NOV 2000
NL	1016551	07 NOV 2000

8. ☐ Priority document(s).
9. ☒ Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.
10. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
- ☐ Computer Readable Copy.
- ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
- ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$740.00
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Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$974.00
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Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))		40.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$487.00

12. PAYMENT is:

- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$_____, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
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